Franchise Committee Report—Protest Meetings and deputations regarding.

3. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) did some members of the Council desire that, before passing orders on the Franchise Committee Report, the Council should be consulted;

(b) did the Government consult the Council, before passing orders;

(c) did the Romo-Syrians and Ezhuvas apply to the Diwan for permission to wait on him in deputation;

(d) was this request granted;

(e) are the Government aware of the protest meetings held at several places by Nayars, Romo-Syrians, Muslims, Ezhuvas, Arayans and others who want political advancement of the State?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—

(a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) Only Ezhuvas applied for permission to wait in deputation.

(d) Yes.

(e) Government are aware that some meetings were held where resolutions protesting against the recommendations were passed.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi).*—With respect to (c) it is not correct to say that Ezhuvas alone applied for permission to wait in deputation. For Romo-Syrians I applied to the Private Secretary to the Diwan asking for an interview.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—If I remember right, the Hon'ble Member himself appeared before the Diwan and when he was asked whether he was representing any particular community he said he was representing himself.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—Was the deputation from the Ezhuvas received before orders were passed?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—Yes, I believe so.

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Mr. President.—It was only after orders were passed.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—Is not the Government aware that a large section of Ezhuvas were against the creation of separate electorates? I want to know whether Government received the deputation and heard their representations before they actually passed orders.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—No.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—May I know why the Government did not do that? What is the use of hearing a deputation after orders are passed? Why did they not think it necessary to hear the deputation before orders on the Franchise Committee report were passed?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—They did not apply sufficiently early.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Anthikad).*—How many days before passing the final orders did they apply?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—I want notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—As far as the Ezhuvas are concerned, may I know by whom was the representation made? Was it from the Thiyya Mahajana Sabbha or from individuals?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—I cannot say whether it is from the Thiyya Mahajana Sabbha or not.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Anthikad).*—Was it not a letter from the Secretary of the Thiyya Mahajana Sabba?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—May be.

Franchise Committee Report — protests regarding.

4. **Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty** *(Pazhanji).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they have received any petitions, representations or resolutions from the public of the State protesting against the Franchise Committee Report before they finally passed orders on the same;

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